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CURBSTONE CHIT AND CHAT.

The News of the City Dished Up for
The Bee Readers.

PERSONAL POINTS POINTEDLY PUT.

Home News and Events Transpired
Since our Last Issue—Other
Matters Worthy of Careful Con-
sideration.

Messrs. Bruce, Smith and George
deny that they were removed from the
Colored American.

Yorick Smith is showing the Ford's
Theatre disaster.

Miss Flora Williams has returned to
the city from Mrs. Webb's in Loudoun,
where she went on a pleasant trip.

Hon. C. H. J. Taylor, it is reported,
will be appointed recorder of deeds if
an outside man is appointed.

If a District man is appointed it will
be either Dr. Jerome R. Riley or Prof.
W. L. Brown.

Dr. C. B. Crusor is being urged for
an assistant surgeon in charge of the
Freedman's Hospital.

Dr. Crusor is one of the most skillful
physicians in this city.

Dr. Daniel H. Williams, the new sur-
geon in charge of the Freedman's hos-
pital will arrive in the city next week.

Col. M. M. Parker retires from the
commissioner's with the contempt of
all honest republicans.

The Colored American should publish
another sketch of Cordozo and then
rest.

The education he received in Scot-
land will not do in our high school to-
day.

Rev. W. J. Howard has an associate
in securing white lawyers for colored
clients.

Look out for the eight-page Bee
printed on its new press.

It is reported that Mr. Hoke Smith
will suggest the appointment of an as-
sistant to Dr. Williams.

Hoke Smith had better make good
the three years he is in, as it will be his
last chance.

The negro democrats are in the soup.
There should be a bastardy law
passed by Congress.

There is a great deal of unnecessary
talk going on in Congress.

Rev. James Howard is growing un-
popular among his congregation.

Negro republicans who are catering
for favors have joined the colored dem-
ocratic league.

Recorder Bruce is not ready to resign
yet. The Bee is of the opinion that
Mr. Bruce knows when he will retire.

Miss Flora Williams will probably be
appointed book keeper at the Freed-
man's hospital. Dr. Williams could not
do a better thing.

The retirement of Dr. Purvis takes
from the hospital one of the best physi-
cians in the country.

Six efforts have been made by the
Emancipators to have a meeting, and
yet they have not succeeded.

Send in your advertisement for the
eight-page Bee. It will be the liveliest
and newest paper in the country.

The editor will leave for New York
next week to complete arrangements for
his new outfit.

The snake has been appointed to suc-
ceed a good grand army man in the
health office. This same snake made
an effort by fraud to succeed the editor
of the Bee.

Strange that a few negro democrats
don't apply for positions under the
marshal.

Ex-Editor Thornton does not antici-
pate starting a paper in this city.

R. C. O. Benjamin has accepted a
position on the editorial staff of the
Bee.

George Martin has entered into an-
other contract with Madame Sisseretta
Jones for April 16.

George Williams, Jr., has gone to his
home in Virginia.

THIRD BAPTIST REVIVAL.

At the Third Baptist Church, corner
of 5th and Q streets n. w., the Rev.
James H. Lee preached to a packed
house on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock,
subject, "The Great Commission,"
after which he baptized 44 candidates.
At 3 p. m., after giving a talk on the
duties of church members, he received
60 persons into membership. At 7:30 p.
m., he preached from Second Kings, 4:
14, subject, "God's Plan of Salvation."
There are now 197 converts and 123
seekers after Eternal Life and Eter-
nal Life, mostly young people.

THEY SAY.

The boys are disappointed.

There is no hope for negro dem-
ocrats.

Editor Ross, of the National
Freeman, denounces the dismissal
of colored employes from the Bu-
reau of Engraving and Printing.

Read Benjamin's book on South-
ern outrages.

The new surgeon in charge of the
Freedman's hospital will take
charge in March.

Suffrage is what the people want
in this city.

28,000 people disappointed.

McKisley may be the nominee
in '96.

That is if Levi P. Morton is not
elected governor of New York.

Morton was not fairly treated in
1892.

The official ax is still cutting off
the heads of negro republicans.

There should be a bastardy law
passed.

It is to be hoped that Judges
Miller and Kimball will urge the
passage of a bastardy law.

It is greatly needed in this city.

Is there hope for the negro?

He is deceived against himself.

The race will, it is hoped, suc-
ceed.

Be honest in your dealings with
your fellow man.

The day will soon come when the
negro will see his error.

The Bethel Literary Association
have a great closing this year.

Jesse Roy is authority on sport-
ing matters.

He knows what he is talking
about.

He predicted Corbett's easy vic-
tory over Mitchell.

He has money to put on Jackson.

Will a colored man be appointed
recorder.

Recorder Bruce is anxious that
one succeeds him when he retires.

The press and pulpit should do
its duty.

The Baptist Sunday School Un-
ion is doing good work.

Be up and doing is the watch-
word of the hour.

There are several applicants for
assistant surgeon in charge of the
Freedman's hospital.

Will Dr. Williams make any
change?

If so who will it be?

The American should have pub-
lished Cordozo's political record.

He is a failure as a teacher.

The high school needs a new
head.

The people are dissatisfied and a
change ought to be made.

Commissioner Ross will probably
appoint a few negro democrats.

Why didn't some negro democrat
apply for a position under the Dis-
trict Marshal?

No negro was holding position of
bailiff under him.

That an application is on file
from a negro democrat.

What is the excuse, will some
one explain.

Senator Chandler made a good
speech.

Probably some colored demo-
crats will be nominated soon.

All the places have been taken.

Hoke Smith will take up some
colored men for consideration soon.

Read the Bee and be happy.

LOW RATES TO BALTIMORE,
VIA B. & O.

Saturday, March 3d, the B. & O. will
sell round trip tickets to Baltimore on
all trains, and valid for return until fol-
lowing Monday at \$1.25.

STROLLS AMONG SPORTS.

(By your Uncle Roy.)

The baseball season comes apace,
and the era of deed, trades, sales
and signatures occupy a large
amount of the time and attention
of magnates and players alike.
Contracts are being signed with
annual alacrity, at this time of
the year, and the players who
usually hold off for better terms,
and incidentally for advertising
purposes, are being corralled with-
out effort. Such a desirable state
of affairs may be accounted for I
believe in the fact that the ball
players are not exempt from the
rigor of the weather and the de-
pressing effect of the stringency in
the money market. They need
money, and a yearly contract, with
the welcome addendum of a good
slice of advance money, is a tempt-
ing bait which they eagerly de-
vour. Hence the comparative ease
whereby clubs are now being or-
ganized.

Unfortunately an examination
of the roster and records of the
home team reveals naught upon
which we can build hopes of em-
bryonic triumphs in the dim vista.
The management have not only not
secured any players of established
and proven ability, but just a
while ago they seemed to be ne-
gotiating for the sale or transfer of
the good men they now have. The
adoption of such a ruinous policy
cannot but result in disaster to the
game in this city. Won't someone
call these people off?

A depressing and unusual quiet-
ness pervades the pugilistic at-
mosphere at present. Aside from
the slumbering interest in the
Jackson-Corbett fight and the
many offers of extraordinary purses
for that go, there seems to be noth-
ing of moment in the immediate
future. Geo. Dixon is still on the
road and to his very natural offer
to meet Plimmer on the 24th of the
present month for the benefit of
the Free Bread Fund in New York,
Plimmer telegraphs a polite de-
clination. He (Plimmer) pleads
that he has an engagement in the
west the week of the 19th and can-
not possibly be in New York on the
date of the entertainment. I cannot
repress the conviction that Plim-
mer doesn't like the job
George offered him. Sensible
Plimmer.

Fred Morris, who has been in
the city for some time, has gone to
Boston, where he expects to find a
customer. Fred has been in en-
forced idleness for some time and
is unquestionably in earnest in his
desire for a match.

Chauncey Jacobs, of Boston, paid
us a flying visit last Wednesday
and has already returned to the
Hub. Chauncey is one of the best
known sporting men in the coun-
try, and is withal a thorough gen-
tleman, a dead game sport and as
handsome as Apollo.

MR. GEORGE MUST KNOW SOME- THING.

To the Editor of THE BEE:
Through the kindness of one of my
many good friends in Washington, I am
just in receipt of a copy of your very
independent and individual paper of
February 17th ult.
In your "Curbstone Chat" column
you say: "Among those who have been
removed from the Colored American,
are Smith, Bruce and George."
If you want facts, just go or send to
E. E. Cooper and ask him if A. B.
George was "removed" from his Col-
ored American staff. If he says "yes,"
let me know and you may hear some
FACTS.
A. B. GEORGE,
Altoona, Pa.

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spring heel button worked buttonholes, 5 to 8, that were 67c, now 48c;
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8 to 11, that were 85c, now 67c; Misses' Dong. (worked buttonholes),
patent tip spring heel button, 1 to 2, that were 85c, now 74c; Misses'
Dong. spring heel button, 12 to 2, that were \$1, now 76c; Ladies'
Dong. patent tip button that were \$1.25, now 98c; Ladies' Dong.
patent tip Blucher lace that were \$1.75, now \$1.25; Youths' shoes
from 11 to 2, all solid leather, that were \$1.25, now 99c; Boys' shoes
with nickel brads in the bottom of soles, smooth and comfortable, the
wear unsurpassed by any shoe on the market, reduced for this week
only to \$1.25.
Men's hand-sewed stick downs for tender feet that were \$1.50, for
\$1. Men's working shoes, all solid leather, for 98c. Men's hand
process calf shoes, all styles and sizes, that were \$2.50, now \$1.98.
Ladies' Goat Slippers, 10 c.
We will give to every one that cuts this coupon out and present to
us from January 20th to February 1st, a pair of our \$1 boys and
misses' shoes for 75c. This is a chance not often seen, so you had
better come early or your size may be sold.

COUPON.

This coupon entitles the holder to 25 per cent off on our \$1 mi ses
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Secretary.

CARING FOR OIL STOVES.

Simple Rules to Prevent the Unpleasant Effects of Smoking.

Whenever I detect any odor in my stove I always find a cause for it. It is either in the oil which has flowed over the edge of the burner and is heated, but not burning freely like the oil in the wick, or in the half-burned, oily crust on the edge of the burner, or in a tiny speck of soot from a previous smoking. As soon as the cause is removed the odor disappears.

To clean the burners, turn the wick quite low, then wet a bit of soft cloth in hot, soapy water, wring quite dry and rub it well with kitchen mineral soap. With a dull-pointed knife or a wooden skewer rub the cloth into the inside of the burner down about one-fourth of an inch, and scour off all the browned deposit. As in all other forms of scouring, a generous use of elbow grease is essential here.

All that will not scour off can be scraped off with a knife. Scour the outside of the burner and wipe off any oil, soot or charred wick that may be on the netting of the frame underneath. Then wipe with a dry cloth.

Turn up the wick and rub off any bits of charred wick or sand that may adhere to it. Wipe out the soot from the chimney. Flushing is not sufficient; it needs hard rubbing with a cloth. Use a stick or skewer to enable you to reach every spot. The wicks should be fitted so they will turn easily in the burner. Cut them even with the edge of the burner, and clip the corners a trifle lower.

Turn the wick up and down several times until you are sure it is even, then light it, and see that the flame is at a uniform height when turned as high as possible. Should there be any points that smoke, turn it out and trim again until it is even. When once the wick is even it will not need cutting. Merely rubbing off the charred part and clipping any loose threads is sufficient.

When ready to use the stove turn the wick up gradually and begin with a low flame; watch it carefully and increase the height after a little, but do not turn it to its full height at first, for as soon as the water boils in the kettle the flame seems to be drawn up, and it will surely smoke then if it did not before. After ten minutes it may be left with safety, but be careful that no strong draught reaches it, and never turn the wick so low that the combustion is imperfect. When not in use turn the wicks down till the flame goes out, and wipe off the oil from the burners.

If this oil be allowed to accumulate it hardens and burns on to the burner, and is difficult to remove; and the more the stove is used the worse it smells; but after this crust is once thoroughly removed it is comparatively easy to keep the burner clean by simply rubbing it with a damp cloth and sand soap every time before lighting it.

By taking special pains that the stove shall not smoke a great amount of trouble may be avoided; for just as surely as it smokes long enough to deposit any soot on the stove just so surely will you have the odor of smoke until that soot has been removed. Merely lowering the wick does not remove the odor, and it is much easier to prevent its formation than to extinguish the flame and delay your other work while you clean off the soot.—The Household.

Distinguished People.

"Social Leader"—Hello, Prominent Citizen. Where've you been?"

"Been taking a rest while 'Leading Business Man' was being interviewed."

"Seen anything of 'Well-known Operator' lately?"

"Yes, saw him chatting with 'One Fully Acquainted with the Facts in the Case.'"

"How about 'A Heavy Stockholder'?"

"Last I saw of him he was arm in arm with 'A High Official.'"

"I saw a 'Leading Politician' and 'One Eminent in Reform Movements' just stepping into a restaurant looking for an 'Inside Party,' but want to ask you if you met 'It Can Be Authoritatively Stated,' or 'On the Highest Authority' your ramblings?"

"Certainly I did, and about half a square behind him I saw 'Refused to Allow the Use of His Name.'"

"Didn't you see 'A Leader of the Opposition,' 'An Ecclesiastical Authority,' 'One Who Speaks on Behalf of His Fellow Officers,' 'Official Mouthpiece,' 'Political Seer,' 'Eminent Financier,' 'An Old Employee,' 'Leading Director' and all that crowd?"

"Say, Mr. 'Social Leader,' you're getting ahead of me. I guess hereafter I'll tell newspaper reporters to quote me as plain John Smith."—Philadelphia Call.

The Arab at Home.

Dr. J. P. Peters, the manager of the expedition sent out by the University of Pennsylvania in 1888 to explore the ruins of Babylon. "During the two years I was there," said he, "I lived with many of the wild tribes around the marshes of Arabistan. The conditions in which I found them were most deplorable. They were a most depraved race, robbing, cheating, lying and fighting being the daily outline of their existence. The principal diet of these people is half-cooked barley bread, and with a large percentage of the tribes this forms the sole diet. When I offered twelve cents a day for diggers and guards I had half the population applying to me for work, and was forced to reduce the day's wages to ten cents. When one of these men has a headache his friends burn him with red-hot irons, and many times I have seen wounds carefully filled with trout-rust. Their government, or rather lack of government, is a practical exhibition of anarchy."

For the Lawyers.

In the incident related below a boy twelve years old conquered a smart shrewd lawyer fighting for a bad cause.

After was the important witness, one of the lawyers, after cross-examining him severely, said:

"Your father has been talking to you telling you how to testify, hasn't he?"

"Yes," said the boy.

"Well," said the lawyer, "just tell us your father told you to testify."

"Well," said the boy modestly, "he told me that the lawyers would tangle me, but if I would just be careful and tell the truth I could get the same thing every time."

The lawyer didn't try to tangle up the boy any more.

VALUE OF USEFULNESS.

The Workaday World Demands Industry and Persistence of All.

This is a day of industry and work. Young men who enter the great arena of life are wholly unable to battle with its hardships, vicissitudes and struggles unless they know something. After a boy leaves school and enters the field in search of work, equipped only with a smattering knowledge of "reading, writing and arithmetic," he finds that his dream of swaying the world with the majesty of his brain is dispelled by the fact that there is no market for his talents. He is compelled to walk the streets of a large city day after day, while the fangs of the wolf snarl and grin in his face, or wander through the lanes and green fields in search of mental labor. The boy who grows weary with his lot and shifts from one field of labor to another, until he eventually acquires the name of "Jack-of-all-trades," dies a complete failure, unwept, unremembered and a pauper.

It is the boy who, upon leaving school, has sufficient sense to know that he is wholly incompetent to face a world of labor, where men have spent years in learning their trades, applies himself to the task of acquiring knowledge that will be useful and command a price in the market.

In one word, a world, when he starts in life, without money, without friends and without experience, there is no avocation that needs their inexperienced labor, and they are in the same position as a merchant who has \$100,000 worth of diamonds, and has for a market the wilds of Africa.

The merchant will starve and die in his efforts to sell his diamonds, while a savage in the same place will pluck fruit and kill animals, and live sumptuously. A boy may enter life with a bright intellect, cultivated and enriched by a thorough education, but he must first apply himself to such a manner of work that will enable him to acquire in himself some line of labor that is in demand, before he can successfully compete with the practical men who are living in an age of labor. Thus, the success of a boy depends, to a great extent, upon the persistence with which he applies himself, and his aptness in acquiring knowledge that is worth money.

There was never a time in the history of the world when inborn genius demanded money. It is the cultivated talent that rules the world, and in order to cultivate genius time and labor must be expended. The brightest boy on earth will not be a mechanic in two days, and he must have the energy and manhood to select his business and stick to it until his industry, sobriety and efficiency command for him a remunerative salary.—Fort Worth Gazette.

Strange Faculty of Reptiles.

Reptiles and batrachians usually possess what may be termed the water-location sense.

My attention was first called to this by my brother, who, engaged in a natural history expedition to the south-eastern Texas, had what at the time we both considered a unique experience with a large sea tortoise.

This tortoise had been surprised some distance from the water, among the sand dunes that line the Gulf shore, and on being overtaken had its head chopped off preparatory to serving as a very toothsome addition to our diet. Much to the surprise of the party the beheaded animal continued on its way towards the water.

Several times it was turned around, entirely on its own way, but every time it was able to right its position perfectly, and again make directly for the water.

At the time this was narrated to me I was of the opinion that there must have been something in the contour of the land that enabled the tortoise to regain the correct direction in each case.

Since then I have had numerous proof that this ability belongs to a number of species of these animals in the West Indies and that the loss of eyes and nasal organs of the entire head and neck in fact, apparently works no inconvenience to them in this particular. This is a family characteristic which, so far as I have been able to find, is not alluded to in any work concerning them.

The same singular ability may be observed in certain species of water-frequenting snakes. The common water snake, often erroneously called the "water moccasin," almost invariably finds its way to the water, if not too far away, when its head is cut off.—St. Louis Republic.

Rag Carpet.

Making rag carpet is by no means a romantic occupation, but it is, just the same, a very useful one, and, carried to a successful issue, provides the house with articles that in some respects quite as good if not better, than a reasonable amount of money could purchase, says the New York Ledger. They are better, because one is not afraid to use them, and economical, because they consume the bits and scraps that would otherwise clutter the closets and tuck-away corners. The carpet may be as pretty and tasteful as the patience and ingenuity of the maker may please.

Sometimes it is worth while to dye rags for rugs and carpets, but this is not always necessary. White and light colors, contrary to well-accepted theories, are much more desirable than dark. They show soil less, and that not at all, are more easily kept clean and may be washed with perfect impunity.

To make practical and simple rugs, cut up cloth into half-inch wide strips, and with care make them smooth and even as may be. Put all colors separate, making a ball of each sort. When this is done begin by crocheting with a large hook either a long strip or a circle, according to the shape of the rug desired.

It is well to work back and forth rather than round and round, as in the latter case the rug is more likely to curl up at the edges. Crochet one color after another, to make stripes, and finish off with a border of something bright, red being the best.

If carefully handled, strong and durable floor-coverings may be made in this way. Silk can be cut or torn into strips and wrought into curtains or draperies of various sorts, or very pretty and delicate foot-cushion coverings can be made in this way, or rugs to spread over the couch or to cover the floor when one sleeps.

THE DOCTOR EXPLAINED.

He Didn't Know Himself Why the Drug Cured and Couldn't Tell.

It began in this way: Col. —, late of the Indian army, a valued patient and good friend, with no other vice than a mania for inquiring into the why and wherefore of things, consulted me about certain symptoms of gout that were causing him some anxiety, and I, having run him through the gamut of questions without which no consultation is supposed to be complete, prescribed for him. The seventh morning after—a morning destined to be fatal to my future peace of mind—he turned up again, cured, buoyant, grateful, but, alas! curious.

"You know, old man," he commenced, "that from a child I have been cursed with a brutal analytical mania, and I have come to ask you (in a purely friendly spirit) a few questions about this wonderful prescription of yours that has so completely cured me."

He slowly drew the thing from his pocket. "I should not take this liberty," he continued, "were I not aware of the fact that medicine is of all sciences the least mysterious and the most above-board."

I was beginning to feel a little uncomfortable when, having carefully read the paper, he launched out—"I notice there are here seven distinct drugs. Now, will you kindly start by telling me in combination they act with their seven different potentialities unimpaired, or, by mixing them, are you aiming at some new salt that holds in solution the unaltered capacity of each?"

By this time I had broken out into a cold perspiration, and, rising from my chair, I asked him if he would excuse me while I went to the dining-room for some matches. Returning, I sat down with the emphasis of a man who means it, and with some deliberation said—"I think so." He frowned his dissatisfaction, and, so, by way of parenthesis, I added, "I need scarcely remind you, a man of science, that where perfect chemical compounds, in contradistinction to mechanical mixtures, depend for their amalgamation entirely upon exosmosis, the atomical efficacy of each alkaloid must remain always in the inverse ratio of its specific gravity."

He followed me without an effort, and smiling his thanks, continued: "Quite so, quite so; but now tell which of the seven drugs cure me. Do you mind going for one moment into details? I'll take first this one" (he led it with cruel slowness): "Potas. iod." Now to what class of drug, if any, does this belong. Never mind me, old fellow; speak out." I did, cautiously but courageously.

"It's a sedative."

"A-I beg your pardon?"

"An alternative."

"Which means?"

"Something that alters."

"Alters what?"

"Well, look here, Colonel—I will descend to the level of the lay mind—it alters your diathesis."

"My—I?"

"Your diathesis; which means simply the long reverberating mountain-echo of inherent tendencies, the whispered curse of progenitors that has curdled your blood and rendered your phosphates luminous for you to see."

He nodded pleasantly, and said: "Thanks, awfully, for making it so clear to me; but let us go on. I want now to come to the next drug, opium—what is opium?"

"It is God's gift to man; it is the tear of the poppy, and it is the most beautiful and then wept for it; it is."

"No, no, please don't. To what order of drug does it belong?"

"It's a sedative."

"But I thought it increased sensation. Dr. Quincey tells us so."

"Quite so, but—excuse me, I want some more matches."

When I returned he had helped himself to refreshments, got his wind, and reloaded. "Now, then, I want particularly to know what are the intrinsic properties of opium. Of course, a special like yourself would not prescribe so powerful a drug without knowing, but to an amateur like myself it is a little confusing."

My head was beginning to swim, and, as a last resource, I suggested postponing the discussion for some future day, as I was anxious to talk to him about Home Rule (anything was better than this). But no, there was no shunting off the line of his fat; and so, carefully closing the door, and blinding him down to perfect secrecy, I laid my whole soul bare before him.

"Colonel," I said, "in the good old days when the wit was set around their children to the tune of weird songs, medicine was above the pitiful level of a mere art. But now, we modern medicine men, irrevocably harnessed to science, find that we have been dragging up through the ages a cartload of vegetable (as for Covent Garden) to be used about the streets and prate of; but the public are finding them stale and the alkaloid of faith evaporated. A blatant agnosticism such as your own, which (pardon my saying so) is to me as blasphemous as an incubator, has ruined the charm of either living in ease or dying in comfort—albeit—and is not at all sure that a little knowledge has not made quacks of us all. What! You can't stay to lunch? You must come again soon, won't you?" — Pall Mall Budget.

Noses Revised and Amended.

If Cleopatras were alive to-day the length of her nose would have little to do in determining her career. Noses, as other traits in the present advanced state of surgery, are merely determinate features. It is only a question of time when one shall read on the outer wall, "Noses altered while you wait." If a pug nose does not harmonize with the other features or a pensive disposition, it is easily changed by removing a wedge-shaped piece between the nostrils. This is done without pain by spraying the nose with cocaine. If a Roman nose gives one the air of being too dominant, the hump is removed by making an incision, cutting the flesh away, and a steel burr, run by an electric motor, easily grinds down the bump. The skin is then trimmed to fit, sewed and properly bound, soon heals. Cocaine again renders the operation a mere detail. In the same manner large moles are transformed into dainty shapes by removing the surplus at the corners and sewing them up. The surgeon who is the authority for these statements says that the time will come when skin-grafting will be so easily managed that another countenance may be ordered, like a new bonnet.—New York Evening Sun.

SHREWD MRS. LAMONT.

How Baby Ruth's Photograph Was Taken.

Mrs. Lamont plotted and successfully carried out a clever scheme whereby she kept a promise she made, and at the same time went clear of an annoyance to the President and Mrs. Cleveland.

Soon after Baby Ruth was born a photographer got Mrs. Lamont to promise him that she would let him take a picture of the child. The Cleverlands decided that while they wanted pictures of the child for themselves and their friends, they did not wish her picture to be scattered broadcast and used as an advertisement for baby food, sterilized milk and the like.

The other day the photographer asked Mrs. Lamont to redeem her promise. "Why, you have photographed the baby," said she, "only you didn't know it."

It seems that Mrs. Lamont, true to her promise, sent Baby Ruth to the gallery, but did not let the photographer know that he was looking at the President's daughter from under the black cloth.

"Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland are pleased with the pictures," added Mrs. Lamont. And now the photographer is wondering which of the multitude of infants is Baby Ruth. So far he has been unable to fix the identity, and her negative, and it is not likely that he ever will fix it. Mrs. Lamont took good care of that—Philadelphia Press.

Passed Her Life as a Man.

Australia is fertile in sensations, says the Westminster Gazette. The latest—a case of disguised sex—is that of Private Jorgensen, late of the Victorian Rifles. Though passing for twenty years under the name of John Jorgensen, her real name was Johanna Marguerite Jorgensen. Her career has been of a most extraordinary character.

When a pretty girl of sixteen, according to her sister's account, she received a sad disfigurement by a kick on the nose and one of her eyes by a horse. Jorgensen herself accounted for her deformity by declaring that she received her injuries in the Schleswig-Holstein war, in which she had fought on the side of Germany. She showed a medal which she had received for service in the field, and claimed to have received special commendation in connection with the wound she sustained.

Whichever story be correct, it is clear she commenced her extraordinary career of masquerading as a man nearly a quarter of a century ago, and under most unlikely circumstances, preserved the secret of her sex throughout that period. Some twenty years ago she appeared in the Rummynode district of Victoria dressed as a bushman, and selected a block of land which she commenced to farm. She, however, did not attend very assiduously to her country duties, but employed men to clear and fence her selection while she lectured and canvassing for an insurance company. The latter found it difficult to get rid of her until a threat of medical examination induced her to retire.

One of her strangest escapades was to join the mounted police, where her extraordinary appearance induced the commanding officer to mistake her for a Chinaman. She made a good soldier, rode well, and exhibited a knowledge of military service which was in keeping with her story. She was 5 feet 7 inches in height, dark and strongly built, with a stubby moustache. She frequently rode through the streets of Melbourne, and on one occasion was selected to form part of the Governor's escort, but the officer in command ordered her to stand out on account of her extraordinary appearance.

The better to sustain her character she often made love to girls, and once obtained the consent of a girl's father to marry her. She did not, however, go quite as far as another Victorian celebrity of the same kind named De Lacy Evans, who worked as a miner in the deep claims of the gold fields without her sex being discovered, and who was actually married three times in succession to as many women. Jorgensen was taken ill with rheumatism recently, but refused to allow a doctor to examine her, though he prescribed for her. On her death a post-mortem was made, and the secret of her sex was discovered. The affair has created an extraordinary sensation in the colonies.

Leprosy in the United States.

Dr. Wyman, surgeon-general of the Marine Hospital service, has said that there are indications that leprosy is spreading in the United States. He has noted the existence of a number of cases in various cities and country districts, and also the unwillingness of the local authorities to properly deal with such cases, often because the lepers, if their existence were generally known, would become a terror and a burden to the community. He has recommended that a national leprosy hospital be established, to which lepers could be sent from all parts of the Union, and where they would be properly cared for, and thereby the safety of the whole people would be guarded.

Dr. Wyman said, in a recent report, that the facts in his possession concerning the dread disease compelled him to the opinion that decisive steps should immediately be taken to prevent, not alone its introduction from the countries to the south, but its spread from cases now here, and he did not think it the part of wisdom to await for any larger development of the disease to demonstrate the necessity for its suppression. Perhaps a prospect of being entirely rid of their lepers by their removal to a national hospital might interest the people of Louisiana in Dr. Wyman's scheme. At any rate, in view of the experience of other and neighboring countries, it would seem that the greatest danger to sufferers from leprosy should be made a matter of grave and reasonable public concern.—New York Sun.

The Number Thirteen.

Those who believe that thirteen is an unlucky number should fight shy of the American twenty-five-cent piece.

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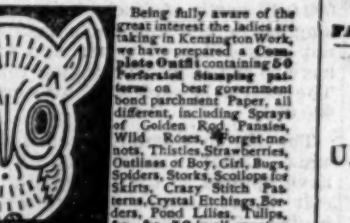
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